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APPLICANT:

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ELECTION AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

In response to the communication mailed July 14, 2004, please reconsider this application in view of the election and remarks provided below. A petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) of \$55.00 for a one month extension in which to file this response is enclosed.

ELECTION

Applicants elect without traverse, Group I as outlined in the office action mailed July 14, 2004, containing Claims 1-133 for further examination in the present application. Further, Applicants elect without traverse, Species 1 within Group I.